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May 16, 2001 LB 465A, 536, 543
 LR 253

CLERK: 0 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment to the override motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, new A bill, LB 465A, by Senator Wickersham. (Read by title for the first time.) LB 536 is reported correctly engrossed. And Senator Foley offers LR 253. (Legislative Journal pages 2070-2071.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The vote just taken doesn't...is...it's inconsequential. If the motion had succeeded, I wouldn't even be aware of it, unless somebody in the culture corner told me, you won one. And I'd say, well, maybe I got enough votes for the motion to carry, but I really didn't win because that's not what it is this afternoon. What I want to do is put some things in the record that I think need to be put there. When you have a man like McVeigh, much can be learned if we will allow ourselves to be taught. There are two men whose names I can give who became much bigger in death than they were in life, Hitler is one, Jesus is the other. Both of them, after death, cast a huge shadow over history. And McVeigh is not stupid; he might be crazy in a sense, but I think he knew what he was doing, I think he planned to do it and he carried it out. If everybody was as successful in carrying out what they propose to do as he was, the world would not be anything like it is now. I don't know whether that would be for the better or for the worse. A good friend of Senator Tyson, good friend of "Baron" Tyson, named Francis Bacon, had said words to the effect that a man who marries and has a family gives hostages to fate; he can neither do the amount of good or evil that he would do otherwise. Well, what McVeigh did was to hold the whole world hostage in a way, because there is a fascination people feel